IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the second full paragraph on page 32 of the specification (lines 8-14) as follows:

In an alternate embodiment, relax button ~~224~~ <u>223</u> may be implemented to allow network traffic to pass through non-stateful rules designed for each protocol. To prevent a stateful to non-stateful transition from occurring without protection, the data protection system may wait for a state register to open, initiate a timer, and record protocol communication data in the state registers (as illustrated in FIG. 8), while relying on the static rules. Three-position relax button ~~224~~ <u>223</u> may preferably include a variety of features for timer positions, protocol communication data, stateful rules registers information, and other rules-based filtering functions.

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